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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, BQG
SUBJECT: GDR LETTER TO WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION
REFERRING TO "BERLIN, CAPITAL OF GDR"

REFS: A) 75 STATE 283513 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)
B) 75 BONN 19396 (NOTAL)

1. AT A BONN GROUP MEETING ON JUNE 9 CALLED FOR THE
PURPOSE, THE FRG REP (VON BRAUNMUEHL) REPORTED THAT THE
WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION (WTO) HAD CIRCULATED AN
INVITATION ISSUED BY THE GDR WHICH INCORRECTLY DESIGNATED
EAST BERLIN AS "BERLIN, THE CAPITAL OF THE GERMAN
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC." THE INVITATION, CIRCULATED BY
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF WTO ON MAY 29, 1978 TO MEMBERS
OF THE WTO COMMISSION FOR EUROPE, READS:

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PURSUANT TO THE DECISION TAKEN UNDER AGENDA ITEM
NINE OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE WTO COMMISSION FOR
EUROPE AT WHICH THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC WAS
APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE CEU WORKING PARTY FOR THE
PREPARATION OF THE WORLD TOURISM CONFERENCE OF 1980 I

HAVE THE HONOUR TO INVITE THE MEMBERS OF THE WTO
COMMISSION FOR EUROPE TO THE MEETING OF THE WORKING
PARTY TO BE HELD FROM 13 TO 15 JUNE, 1978 IN BERLIN,
THE CAPITAL OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

ENCLOSED THE MEMBERS OF THE WTO COMMISSION FOR
EUROPE WILL FIND INFORMATION ON THE MEETING OF THE
WORKING PARTY. AS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION I AM AT THE
DISPOSAL OF THE COMMISSION'S MEMBERS.

ACCEPT THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

(SIGNED)

HELMUT SCHUBERT
HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL
TOURIST RELATIONS DEPARTMENT
OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION
OF FOREIGN TOURISM IN THE
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT OF THE
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

26 MAY 1978

END TEXT

2. VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID THAT THE WTO WAS AN INTER-
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GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION WHICH, ALTHOUGH NOT A PART OF
THE UN, WAS AFFILIATED WITH ECOSOC. THE MEMBERSHIP
OF 90 STATES INCLUDED FRANCE, THE US, AND THE FRG, BUT

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NOT THE UK. ONLY FRANCE, HE SAID, WOULD BE ATTENDING
THE MEETING IN EAST BERLIN.

3. VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID THAT THIS CASE WAS ANALOGOUS
TO THE GDR LETTER SENT TO THE UN IN 1975 IN CONNECTION
WITH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR (REF A). HE RECALLED
THAT THE ALLIES HAD RESPONDED BY ISSUING A ONE-SENTENCE
NOTE CONFIRMING THAT THEIR POSITION ON THE STATUS OF
BERLIN REMAINED UNCHANGED (REF B). HE SAID THE FRG DID
NOT WISH TO PLAY UP THE SITUATION, BUT BELIEVED THAT
WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW THE IMPRESSION TO ARISE THAT OUR
POSITION HAD CHANGED.

4. THE BONN GROUP THUS AGREED AD REF ON THE FOLLOWING
TEXT AS AN ALLIED REPLY TO THE GDR NOTE:
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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF THE VENUE CONTAINED
IN THE INVITATION CIRCULATED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF
THE WTO ON 29 MAY 1978, THE FRENCH DELEGATION, WITH THE
AGREEMENT OF THE US AND UK AUTHORITIES, STATES THAT THE
WELL-KNOWN POSITION OF THE THREE POWERS ON THE LEGAL
SITUATION OF BERLIN REMAINS UNCHANGED. END TEXT.

5. IT WAS ENVISIONED BY THE BONN GROUP THAT THE FRENCH
DELEGATE TO THE MEETING OF THE WTO COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
WOULD ASK THE WTO SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CIRCULATE THE
ALLIED REPLY TO ALL THOSE WHO HAD RECEIVED THE GDR INVITATION.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL, ON AN

URGENT BASIS, OF THE TEXT IN PARA 4 ABOVE FOR DELIVERY BY
THE FRENCH DELEGATE BEFORE THE WTO MEETING ENDS ON JUNE
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